

**Pawtucketville Neighborhood Plan CAC Meeting  
Minutes from September 10, 2004**

Attendance:

Naomi Prendergast  
Gerry Frechette  
Bob Mullin  
Kevin Staveley  
Amoah Yeboah-Korang  
Mehmed Ali  
Alan Saba  
Henry Marchand  
John Hamblet  
Kevin O'Brien  
Dick Sousa  
Marcia Cassidy  
Dan Squaglia  
Joe Boyle  
Helen Lee

Location: D'Youville Manor

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GF: I think we had discussed more strengths that can go under the section called Neighborhood character/QOL.

JB: They may be now under culture and open space.

HM: The closing of churches presents a threat also because of what might get built, for example on Fourth Ave. We may have another Silva Brothers developed there.

MC: Quality of life is an overarching theme -- perhaps that can be our vision. Safety can be another goal, which might include vandalism and safety in parks, on roads, and such.

HM: I agree that QOL should be the overarching vision.

NP: I agree with having safety as a goal since it is a specific goal handled by specific people like the police department.

HM: You have to quantify QOL so people will agree on it. Developers should understand what our definition of QOL is.

JB: OK, then the overarching theme will be something like “Pawtucketville will have a high QOL” but phrased better, and these sections in the SWOT Process Summary will be the individual goals.

JH: Maybe instead of neighborhood character/QOL, it should be called comfort and safety.

JB: Maybe it can be called amenities.

JF: Please add institutions to threats in the economic development section.

HM: The word environmental can lead to connections to open space so perhaps it should not be called Environmental QOL.

JH: Can we strengthen the Culture section?

KO: Institutions bring other people. The hospital allows a multitude of uses as long as it's related. It's in the zoning.

JB: But that is the neighborhood. This is not a self-contained neighborhood. It's part of the City.

KS: Just having an institution section will bring a lot of negativity to them.

JB: I agree and for example, traffic issues near institutions are not just created by them. It's a larger problem. We have to look at the whole picture.

HM: I brought up having an Institution section because we have a category on education.

MC: Well, I wasn't thinking about the University for that section at all. It's everything else education implies. Which section addresses open space? Is that a land use issue?

HL: Maybe we can call that section Natural Resources and Recreation (to separate out Land Use).

JB: It's both a land use issue and open space/recreation issue.

HM: Can we add basketball to strengths in open space/recreation.

AY: Just call that all sports.

MC: It's dangerous at night at Fr. Maguire Park. Maybe it's about perception but I wouldn't want young kids to go there at night.

KS: Maybe during the public hearing process, we'll hear more about that. I didn't know it was a problem.

JB: OK, for our next meeting, Helen and I will take another stab at this and put wording to the vision and goals. For the public process, we need a bigger and diverse sample size than the people here. What populations can we invite?

JH: Business-owners.

AS: Large vs. small businesses.

JB: Also by geographic region.

BM: Profit vs. nonprofit. Also business owners who don't live in Lowell.

KS: Residents who abut businesses.

KO: Different sections of P'ville have different viewpoints.

MA: Add condo groups like Westminster.

JB: So which regions?

MA: Blvd, Mammoth, Varnum, Textile/University Ave.

KO: Area around University not along the University Ave.

JB: People who are interested in various topics will be drawn to the various meetings we have, so we don't have to split geographically. But, the sections I'm hearing are the Blvd, west P'ville, old neighborhood (south), and northern area.

HM: That covers it.

MA: 9/25, there is a ribbon cutting for 7 acres that are being set aside near the state forest.

JF: What's happening with the zoning?

JB: We rezoned the whole city including P'ville. We used the same concepts for P'ville as in the rest of the city like preserving neighborhood character, etc. The neighborhoods will get a chance to look at the changes in some way – we're uncertain about how it will be done -- before the public hearing. It's really up to the City Council. Homework for next week is to go look at Moulton Square to see an example of an aggressive traffic calming project.